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P R E F A C E.

THIS little work does not presume to show its readers the Lewis tree in all its glory, but one of its branches, lopped off by political and religious discord, and transplanted in New England by Providence's merciful hand.

To commence at the root, and describe every limb and twig, would need years of preparation, involving a tour over Great Britain and a large portion of our own country; also time and means far beyond my control.

In the preparation of this short history, which might seem capable of being thrown together in a few days, I have had to encounter not merely the difficulties that generally attend research into widely spread families, but also sly errors of genealogists and family tradition, which, together with the smell of musty volumes and dusty covers which had been undis-

turbed perhaps for almost centuries, strongly tempted me to give way, and leave to oblivion her hidden treasures ; but I could not renounce so easily what had been growing in my mind ever since the time when I was shown my old family Bible, and told that it was the gift of my grandmother in my babyhood, when it could easily have served for my bed.

Here, then, was the commencement of the hunt thus ended. It was at first after the old dog-skin covering, which had disappeared ; when found, after an explanation of the record, which was that of my great-great-grandfather's family.

I could go no farther. The limb was severed from the one from which it came, had died, had been cut off.

Memory had nothing to say ; confessed she knew neither where the missing limb grew nor where it died.

My time has been so much engaged from youth to manhood that I have never, until now, found myself capable of entering upon the subject more fully.

The past presented one solid front of rock, when I came to Harvard ; and I determined to use my spare time in trying to break its surface. My first two years did not offer any opportunity to undertake it ; but now, after trying everywhere to get some one to help me, and finding genealogists silent on my branch, I have been picking and digging all alone, until I have picked up the specimens contained in this little volume. These fossils bear unmistakably all the traces of the branches so long lost.

Take them. Rely on them as true ; for, as far as my remarks relate to our life in America, whatever has been your imagination as to the position or wealth of our ancestors, I have not inserted a conjecture in any place as regards lineage, but have kept strictly by my sources, all of which are public documents.

ISAAC N. LEWIS.

WALPOLE, Mass., May, 1872.



IN MEMORIAM.

THE name LEWIS is of very ancient origin, though, in its primitive forms, one might not recognize it at the first glance. It is found represented in all the western branches of the Indo-European languages, and taking the stage of human activity as far back as our civil reckoning begins.

It was of course first a Christian name, with some appellative ; and I know of no use of it as a surname before 1204, when it became quite notorious.

It was probably given on account of some merit of valor or strength in war. Let us look at the name in Roman times, which is Ludovicus ; and to one unacquainted with the changes in spelling that often take place in a word, no resemblance would appear. To convince the unbelieving, I request that the changes through which our word "alms" has passed be considered. In Old High-German, the Romance languages,

and Old English, the name appears in a different garb. Old High-German, Ludowic; French, Louis; Spanish, Luis; Italian, Luigi or Ludovico; and in the confusion resulting from mixing two such elements as Norman-French and Anglo-Saxon together, it becomes more like our usual spelling; but yet I find, as late as 1442, the same person's name spelled Ludovic and Lewis; and at the time of Henry VIII. I find it written Lewes, Lewis, Lewies, and Leawis; but a large part is owing to the writer, and not to the bearer of the name: for I find that, according to the recorder's idea of right spelling, no more than a hundred years ago, our name was thus appended to the several Christian appellatives of the same household.

It is far from my intention to give here a direct descent down through England's history. Nothing could exceed the difficulties which I should have to face. As my plan is to furnish a correct history of my own branch, it will be impossible for me to give you much beyond our American history; and I would not deviate at all, if it did not seem proper at times to allude to my distant relatives in close proximity to us. I will mention, in passing, that a Lewis family of great repute, from King John's time until

1543, descended from Lewis VIII., and lived in Essex, — Knight John Fitz Lewis, who gained his knighthood in the first war with Scotland, and fell in the battle of Boroughbridge, fighting in the Lancastrian cause against Edward II. Sir Richard, his son, follows, and is succeeded by his son, Sir John, who precedes several more, all fighting in the same cause. All along, from the Saxon conquest, the Britons or Celts had been pushed backward at the point of arms, until they were driven into Wales and the adjoining land; nor were they allowed to remain here in peace, for the English followed and conquered some of their best land in the north and south. The conquerors had the land assigned to them, and soon began to build manors and cultivate the soil. Thus many English families are brought to live in Welsh territory. This has given Americans a great deal of difficulty in deciding the race to which they properly belong; for they find that their ancestor, though having an unmistakably English name, came from Wales. To a portion of our family the same difficulty might arise, as the Lewis name is found quite common in that country, especially in Radnor, in which township is Harpton, containing Harpton Court, the seat of the Right

Hon. Sir Thomas Frankland Lewis, Bart., the descendant of Thomas Lewis, Esq., who was sheriff of Radnorshire in 1552.

His descendant, Thomas of Harpton Court, was M.P. for Radnor for nearly half a century after the accession of the house of Brunswick, and was succeeded by his nephew John, who died in 1797, leaving a son, who was created a baronet in 1846. Sir Thomas was three times M.P. for Radnor, was Secretary of the Treasury, Vice-President of the Board of Trade, Treasurer of the Navy, and Commissioner of the Poor-law. The mansion is an ancient and striking edifice. In 1580, Sir Edward Lewis held, in Southern Wales, a congress of minstrels, to bestow on the most deserving "the silver harp." Not only is the Lewis family found in the places just mentioned, but also in all the counties around London. At the time of the settlement of New England, there were fourteen generations of that family in Yorkshire alone; while Suffolk and Kent proved their abundance by supplying us with seeming eagerness. It would be unjust to pass by Sir George Cornwall Lewis, who died a short time since, and was one of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State. Born in Wales, educated at Oxford,

where he was the first scholar of his class ; an accomplished author, and a powerful and eloquent advocate of the Union during our late war. I will say nothing about his children, as it would carry me far from my subject. The family, being so widely separated, had, of course, no common crest or coat of arms. The oldest, I think, is that of the Yorkshire families, which is a ducal coronet, with a plume of five ostrich feathers, two gold and three sable (charged with a golden chevron), "*Spe tutiores armis.*" That of those of Scotland was a stag's head ; of those of Ireland, a dolphin issuing from the top of a spear, also a lion rampant ; of Frankland, M.P., on a chapeau, gu., turned up, erm., a tiger statant, "*Expertus fidelem ;*" of those of Lanc., on a chapeau, gu., turned up, erm., an heraldic tiger, passant, "*Hæc olim meminisse juvabit ;*" of those of Somers. and Dors., an antelope's head ; of those of Kent, an ermine passant and a demi-beaver.

Others are a demi-griffin, a buck trippant, an eagle's head, a Cornish cough, a horse's head bridled, a greyhound, a demi-wolf, a demi-goat with a heart between its paws.

Though I could multiply facts connected with our family name in Great Britain, they would

not be of sufficient age to give my reader much light on direct ancestry ; and so I will bid farewell to our friends there, and come at once to my subject.

The first person of our name, who was borne away by the flood-tide of religious intolerance and unmerciful persecution, and landed on New England's shores, was Thomas, who ranged the coast, to ascertain the most agreeable spot for his patent, before 1630, but died soon after.

Then William, who settled in Cambridge, 1632, came in the "Lion," and was admitted a freeman 6 Nov. following. He removed to found Hartford, Conn., 1636, and was select-man 1641. Rem. again, 1659, to Hadley, for wh. he was rep. 1662, for Northampton 1664 ; his w. Felix d. 1671, at H., and he finally rem., 1675, to Farmington, and then d. 1683, at great age. His only child was William, b. in Eng., and the mother is called Felix.

George, Plymouth and Scituate, where he joined the ch., 20 Sept. 1635, a clothier, from East Greenwich in Kent, bef. 1633, and rem. to Barnstable bef. 1641 ; had in Eng., by Sarah Jenkins, several children, as Mary, wh. m. Nov. 14, 1643, John Bryant ; George and Thomas ; Jabez, wh. d. unmar., and James ; but at S.

had John, b. 2, bapt. 11 Mar. 1638; and at B. had Ephraim, 23, bapt. 25th July, 1641; and Sarah, 2, bapt. 11 Feb. 1644; his will being probated 3 Mar. 1664. His son John was killed by the Indians, 26 Mar. 1676. Mary d., leaving seven ch., 1657; and Sarah m. 26 Dec. 1663, James Cobb; and next, 23 Nov. 1698, Jonathan Sparrow. He had, in 1658, with Richard Foxwell, purchas. lds. at Scarborough, but soon came back.

George, Barnstable, son of preced., b. in Eng., m. Dec. 1654, Mary, dau. of Bernard Lumbard; had George, b. Sept. 1655; Mary, 9 May, 1657; Sarah, 12 Jan. 1660; Hannah, July, 1662, d. at 5 years; Melatiah, 13 Jan. 1664; Bathshua, Oct. 1667; Jabez, 10 June, 1670; Benjamin, 22 Nov. 1671; Jonathan, 25 July, 1674; John, 1 Dec. 1676; and Nathan, 26 July, 1678; and he died 20 Mar. 1710. Edmund, Lynn, settled in Watertown 1634, rem. 1643, came in the "Elizabeth" from Ipswich, aged 33 yrs., with w. Mary, 32 yrs., and two ch., John, 3 yrs., and Thomas, 9 mos.; had James, b. 15 Jan. 1636, and Nathaniel, 25 Aug. 1639, b. at W.; beside a ch., bur. 6 Nov. 1642, 10. dys. old; and had two more ch. b. at L., where he died, 1651. His will of

18 Jan., pro. 25 Feb. 1651, names wife ex'trix, and s. John and Thomas. His w. Mary d. 7 Sept. 1658. Besides these I will add others, some children of the former, and others original immigrants. Daniel, Westerly, R.I., 1679, perhaps s. of John of the same, m. Mary Button, dau. of Peter, and in his will of 1 Feb. 1718, names eldest s. John, Jonathan, Mary, Dorcas, Daniel, and Hannah. David, bro. of the preceded., m. Eliz., dau. of the sec. James Babcock. David, Salem, d. June, 1662.

Edward, Barnstable, s. of first George b. in England, m. May, 1661, Hannah, dau. of the first Henry Cobb of the same, common. call. Elder C.; had Hannah, b. 24 Apr. 1662; Eleazer, b. 26 June, 1664; John, 1 Jan. 1666; and Thomas, Mar. 1669.

Ezekiel, Boston, merch., s. of Wm. of Farmington, by his sec. w. Mary, dau. of the famous master Ezekiel Cheever, in honor of whom he was named, and in imitation of whom, after leaving coll., he bec. an instruct., first at Westfield, soon served as his gr.f.'s assist. at the Boston sch., was selectman, rep. 1723, and oft. aft. He m. 18 Mar. 1702, Mary Breadon; had Mary, b. 21 Jan. 1703; and his w. d. the next mo. He next m. 11 Oct. 1704, Abigail

Kilcup; had Abigail, 12 June, 1706; Wm., 28 Nov. 1707, d. young; Sarah, 21 May, 1710, d. young; Eliz., 22 Aug. 1712; Hannah, 14 Sept. 1714, d. young; and Ezekiel, 15 Apr. 1717, gr. H. C. 1735, and d. 14 Aug. 1755, over 80 yrs. old.

Francis, Boston, 1663, a boatman.

George, Casco, before 1640, had grant of land, d. Falmouth; had s. John, to whom were gr. 100 acres as early as 1657; and Philip, beside four ds. Ann, who mar. James Ross; Susanna, m. Thomas Cloyse; Mary, b. at Fal. 1654, m. first Thomas Skillings, sec. Jotham Lewis, and third Wilkins, was living at Salem, 1732; and Hannah m. James Darling.

Isaac, Boston, s. of John of Charlestown, freeman, 1690, m. 25 May, 1680, Mary Davis; had Mary, b. May, 1681; Isaac, 21 Aug. 1683; Joseph, 16 Nov. 1685; John, 25 Feb. 1688; Eliz., 12 Feb. 1689; and Abraham, posthum., 9 June, 1691; d. at Malden, 3 Apr. 1691.

Israel, Westerly, 1679, br. of Daniel, m. Jane, dau. of sec. James Babcock; had Israel, b. 22 June, 1695; Benjamin, 8 June, 1697; Jane, 21 May, 1700; and Ann, 13 July, 1704.

Jabez, Barnstable, s. of George the sec., by w. Experience had John, bapt. 14 Nov. 1697,

who died soon, and John again May, 1698. James, Barnstable, s. of the first George b. in Eng., was selectman and lieut., m. 31 Oct. 1655, Sarah Lane, dau. of George of Hingham; had John, b. 29 Oct. 1656, bapt. 27 Sept. foll.; Samuel, 10 Apr. 1659; Sarah, 4 Mar. 1661; James, 3 June, 1664; Susannah and Ebenezer; and he died 4 Oct. 1713, 82 yr. Sarah m. Jan. 1685, Thomas Lincoln; and next, Feb. 1699, Robert Waterman. There was a James k. at Hatfield by the Indians Aug. 1675. James, Boston, freem., 1684, with prefix of respect. John, Charlestown, 1634, freem. 1646, by w. Margaret had John, b. 12, bapt. 14 Sept. 1638; Joseph and Mary tw., bapt. 29 March, 1640; Samuel, 24, bapt. 27 June, 1641; Eliz., b. 10 Sept. 1642; Sarah, 24 Dec. 1647; lived on the Malden side, and here his w. died Mar. 1649; and he m. Apr. 1650, Mary Brown, dau. of Abraham of Watertown; had Abr. b. Dec. 1650; Jonathan, 4 Jan., d. 10 Feb. 1652; Mary, Jan. 1653; Hannah; Isaac and Trial, posthum., Jan. 1658, he having died 16 Sept. preced. His widow m. Mr. Cutler. Mary m. 1675, Samuel Benfield; Eliz. m. Bryant Borden, and Sarah m. Joseph Brabrook. John, Scituate, br. of the first George, was

from Tenterden, Kent, Eng., and came in the "Hercules," 1635, with w. Sarah and one ch., as the vicar and the mayor certify. He removed in a few years to Boston, where his wife died July, 1657. John, New London, 1648, was freem. before 1669, and died Dec. 1676, leaving a son John. John, Falmouth, eldest s. of George of the same, took a deed from Cleaves, 1657. In 1674 he kept an inn, and rem. after the begin. of Philip's war to the W.

John, Lynn, s. of Edmund, b. in Eng., m. 17 June, 1659, Hannah, dau. of Capt. Thomas Marshall; had John, b. Mar. 1660; Hannah, Feb. 1662; Thomas, June, 1663; Mary, Feb. 1666; Benjamin, Apr. 1667; Saml., July, 1675, d. soon; Abigail, May, 1679; Eben, July, 1681; and Eliz., Apr. 1684.

John, Boston, butcher, m. Nov. 1659, Alice, wid. of Nath. Bishop; had Saml., b. Jan. 1662; Joseph, Feb. 1663; and Benoni, Jan. 1665. There was also a John called Mariner in 1669.

John, Portsmouth, s. of Philip of the same, m. Martha, dau. of Wm. Brooking; and next a Rendall; had John, James, and Philip, nam. in their gr.f's will 1 Nov. 1700.

John, Windsor, had Saml. Aug. 1677;

Mary, Dec. 1679; Eliz., 1682; Sarah, 1684; and John, 1694.

John, New London, s. of John of the same, m. 1677, Eliz. Huntley, d. 1717, leav. wid. Eliz., and s. John, who lived at Lyme. John, Hingham, m. Nov. 1682, Hannah, dau. of Daniel Lincoln. John, Lynn, s. of John of the same, m. Sarah, wid. of John Jenks, dau. of Wm. Merriam, was freem. 1690, and at the same time were adm. lieut. John and Thomas L., of Lynn, of whom the latter may have been brother, but the officer must have been an uncle. John, Westerly, s. of John of the same, by w. Ann had Joseph, b. Oct. 1683; Sarah, Aug. 1687; Mary, May, 1689; Ann, Jan. 1691; Abigail, May, 1693; John, June, 1698; Wm., Feb. 1702; and Jerusha, Jan. 1707.

Joseph, Swansey by w. Mary had Joseph, b. Jan. 1672; Sibill, Mar. 1674; and was killed by the Indians and bur. 24 June, 1675. Joseph, New London, 1666, s. of John of same, perhaps of Windsor, 1675, and d. at Simsbury, 1680, m. Eliz. Case of S. 1674; had Eliz., Mar. 20, 1675; Joseph, Mar. 1677; and John, posthum., Jan. 1681. His w. mar. John Fuller, 1684. Nathaniel, New London, prob. bro. of preced., was living 1666. Nathaniel,

Lynn, s. of Edmund, rem. I suppose to Swansey, where by w. Mary he had Nath. b. July, 1673, who d. 20 Aug. 1676; and Mary, b. Dec. 1677; and he died 13 Oct. 1683. Nathaniel, Farmington, s. of Wm. of the same, m. Nov. 1699, Abigail Ashley, of Westfield.

Philip, Portsmouth, 1665, prob. of Dover, 1672, rep. 1680 at the first assembly of the Provincial Government. His will was dated Nov. 1, 1700.

Philip, Falmouth, 1669, s. of George of the same, was in 1676 a soldier of Turner's company, which served on Conn. River.

Philip, Farmington, s. of the sec. Wm., freem. 1669, had 100 acres given him by his gr.f. Wm. at F., with wh. I suppose he lived, as both their names are signed to memor. from Hadley against imposts, but lived chiefly at Hartford until he rem. to Fairfield.

Robert, Newbury, came from Bristol to Salem, and d. aft. rem. to N., Mar. 1644. He came in the "Blessing" from London 1635, aged 28, with w. Eliz., 22.

Robert, Charlestown, by w. Rebecca had Robert, bapt. Feb. 11, 1683; Thomas, Apr. 1685; and David, Jan. 1687, and probably rem. to Boston. Samuel, Malden, s. of John, by

w. Sarah had Hannah, b. Dec. 1689; and he died Feb. 1699. Samuel, Farmington, s. of Wm. of the same, freem. 1676, by w. Eliz. had Hannah, bapt. Oct. 1691, his w. hav. joined ch. the Sunday preced.; and Saml., May, 1692; and d. Feb. 1725. Samuel, Westerly, s. of John of the same, by w. Joanna had Saml., Jonathan, and Joanna, who is named in his will of Aug. 1734.

Thomas, Lynn, s. of Edmund, m. Nov. 1659, Hannah Baker; had Edward, b. July, 1660; and Thomas, Apr. 1668; was freem. 1690. Thomas, Barnstable, s. of first George b. in Eng., m. June, 1653, Mary Davis; had James, b. Mar. 1654; Thomas, July, 1656; Mary, Nov. 1659; and Samuel, May, 1662; rem. to Swansey, of wh. he was one of the first settlers and selectmen; by w. Hannah had Samuel again, Apr. 1673, and Hepzibah Nov. 1674. Thomas, Northampton, had Mary, b. 1663; Esther, 1665; and Thomas, 1666.

Wm., Farmington, s. of the first Wm. b. in Eng., mar. 1644, in conform. with a contract betw. his f. and Mary Whitehead of Winsor, w. of Richard, Mary Hopkins; and had Mary, b. May, 1645; Philip, bapt. Dec. 1646; Samuel, b. Aug. 1684; Sarah; Hannah; Wm., bapt. Mar.

1657, died 1737 ; Felix, Dec. 1658 ; Ebenezer, sett. at Wallingford ; John, 1665, d. at 19 yrs. ; and James, 1667, liv. at Jamaica, L.I., d. 1728. He m. Dec. 1671, sec. w. at Boston, Mary, dau. of the celeb. Ezekiel Cheever ; had Elizabeth, b. 1672, died young ; Ezekiel, 1674, H. C. 1694 ; Nath., Oct. 1676, wh. d. Feb. 1752 ; Abigail, 1658 ; Joseph, bapt. Mar. 1680 ; and Daniel, July, 1682. The last two died young. He ranked as serg. and capt. in the war, and d. 1690, when of his 16 ch. 13 were living. Mary m. Benjamin Judd ; Sarah m. Saml. Boltwood, of Hadley ; Hannah m. first Saml. Crowe of Hadley, had two ch., and sec. 1676, Daniel Marsh ; and Felix m. Thomas Selden, of Hadley. Isaac, Boston, s. of John of Charlestown, was freem. 1690, m. 25 May, 1680, Mary Davis ; had Mary, b. May, 1681 ; Isaac, Aug. 1683 ; Joseph, Nov. 1685 ; John, Feb. 1688 ; Elizabeth, Feb. 1689 ; Abraham, posthum., June, 1691 ; and he died at Malden 3 April preceding.

Here you see, with the exception of my own ancestry, the various families which came to New England ; and I find that my own Alma Mater has from time to time graduated fourteen, and other colleges thirty-four, of their descendants. Besides these, a few bearing our name have now

and then appeared to me through public documents ; and, in order that I may not be judged guilty of such great omissions, I will state that Gen. Washington had a brother-in-law named Lawrence Lewis, and that the patriot Francis Lewis of Wales primarily, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was living in New York during the Revolution, and died at 90 yrs., 1803. Col. Chas. Lewis, after whom Lewis County, Va., was named, lived in Virginia. Captain Meriwether Lewis deserves our attention as being one of the commanders in the exploration of our Western coast and Governor of Louisiana, and after whom a county of Tennessee was called Lewis. Joseph Lewis, of Waterbury, Conn., who was one of the first settlers of the place ; and I find that Chauncey Lewis, one of Washington's Life Guards, who died April 28, 1855, at Southington, Conn., aged 95, descended from him.

Before I leave these families so distantly connected with my own, I want to stop and consider briefly two of their descendants, one of whom I have known for years : the other, more secluded, has not come often before me. I refer to Dr. Winslow and Alonzo Lewis. Dr. Winslow descended from George of Kent, Eng.,

who came over in 1633. He was born in Boston July 8, 1799, in the same house where his mother was born. He was fitted for college by Mr. Daniel Staniford, who kept a private school of high repute in Boston ; graduated at Harvard in 1819, studied medicine under the eminent Dr. John C. Warren, and took his degree of M.D. in 1822. His favorite pursuit was anatomy, for which he had a peculiar tact, as he had a firm nerve and quick, decisive judgment. To perfect his studies, he went immediately to Europe, attended the lectures of Dupuytren in Paris, and Abernethy in London, both surgeons of great celebrity. This was not his first visit ; for he crossed the Atlantic when only seventeen years old, and had quite an experience there, coming home with Hon. Abbot Lawrence and Dr. Edward Reynolds.

On his return he commenced practice in Boston, and married Feb. 22, 1828, Miss Emeline Richards, dau. of Capt. Benjamin Richards, of New London, Conn. He was two years Physician of the Municipal Institutions, then of the House of Correction, and after Dr. Warren's death Consulting Physician in the Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1849 he again visited Europe. He was in Rome when it was at-

tacked by the French, and left the city on the day before the siege, of which he wrote a glowing description, which was published by the "Transcript." He then went to Geneva, and was enjoying the beautiful lake and surroundings when upon taking up a Boston paper his eyes fell on an account of the death of his only surviving son Winslow. Two infant brothers had preceded him, victims of scarlatina. The blow was sudden and unexpected to the afflicted father, and he hurried home. The next year, 1850, he again set out to Europe with his family, consisting of his wife and three daughters. He spent six months in Paris, where he was introduced to Louis Napoleon, then President of the Republic. The Duke of Tuscany and his lady became his intimate friends, and their portraits now adorn his library. He also spent some time in England and Scotland, visiting all the remarkable places, and journeyed over Italy; and I think he must have ascended Vesuvius at this time, for he remarked after he reached home that he had three times been on its crest. He returned with his family in 1853, and resumed his practice as a matter of choice, for his fortune placed him above dependence on the severe labors and arduous duties of a physician; yet such

was his skill and knowledge of surgery that he could not avoid the frequent calls of sufferers who came to him from far and near. But he was somewhat relieved by his son-in-law, Dr. Geo. H. Gay, who married his daughter Elizabeth. Often, very often, his charges to the unfortunate have been light, or none at all. To feel for the distressed, to administer to the victims of pain and sickness, is the delight of the good physician, and the glory of the great one. In 1855 his second daughter Maria was married to Mr. Warren Fisher, Jr., merchant of Boston, by Dr. Vinton. Now, with an amiable and devout partner, ever seeking to help the poor, his children settled around him, his home in the mansion where his father lived on Boylston and Pleasant Streets, in which his study with its bay-window commanded a view of the Public Garden and little lake, with a select library where he could pursue his classic and antiquarian researches, and with a fortune ample for enjoyment, among troops of friends and the claims of charity, his lot seemed peculiar and almost enviable.

It is with sympathy, though late, that I say that he was plunged into deep grief by a calamity in 1859 which deprived him of a be-

loved daughter and a husband of a true wife. There had been a violent snow-storm, with some rain and a thaw. A fair day followed; and Mrs. Lewis and her daughter, Mrs. Fisher, left home about noon and visited the store of Daniels and Co. on Summer Street. The store is built of stone, with an extension in the rear of one story, and only lighted in the centre by a large skylight. Mrs. Fisher was standing under it, her mother near by looking at some goods on the counter, when a sudden noise was heard, and an avalanche falling from the roof of the main building lodged directly upon the skylight, crushing the glass and its frame, and overwhelming Mrs. Fisher to the ground. She was taken up bleeding profusely, and carried to her father's house, where she continued to live four days. Her remains, after the services at St. Paul's Church, were deposited in the tomb, but now rest in Mount Auburn.

Dr. Lewis's favorite study was surgery and anatomy, in which he is acknowledged to have had few, if any, superiors. He also devoted himself to Latin classics, and translated from the French four different works. He was representative from Boston to the General Court 1835, one of the Common Council 1839, School Com-

mittee 1839-40, '41, '44, '45, '57, '58 ; Visitor of the U.S. Marine Hospital 1856-1862 ; one of the Overseers of Harvard from 1856 to 1862, and elected to serve six years longer ; Consulting Physician of the City 1861, Counsellor of the Mass. Medical Society, a member of the American Medical Society of Paris ; for three years Grand Master of Masons in Mass., and was at the head of several orders of that society, his conversion to it arising from the abuse he had heard unjustly heaped upon it. The last honor was the unanimous choice as President of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society in 1861. He was called by our Government to examine all the hospitals of New York and vicinity, where many of our wounded and sick soldiers were sent, during the first part of the war.

He gave several hundred volumes to the society of which he was president, and many valuable ancient works to Harvard University. Rejoicing in good health, he is just preparing for another voyage across the water to Europe, and may have the pleasure of visiting old places and welcoming old scenes again.

Alonzo Lewis, of Lynn, descended from John, of Malden, or Charlestown, as he is best known,

though Mr. Lewis thought that he came from Wm., of Roxbury, but was not possessed of the data that we have found since his death.

He was born in Lynn, 28 Aug. 1794, and was son of Zachariah Lewis. He was put to school early, and was considered capable to teach at eighteen years, when he took a school at Chester, N.H., afterwards at Lynnfield. In 1823, he was preceptor of the academy, and for twelve years taught in his native place. He says, "I commenced the profession of school-teacher from the love of it, and devoted all my energies to its advancement." One of his longest poems is entitled "The School Master;" and many passages show his full appreciation of the stern realities attendant on the profession. Look at this, then, teachers.

"The teacher's lot is filled with pain and care,
Which but devoted hearts are fit to bear;
His rank and worth in freedom's cause are great,
Surpassed by few that bless the public state.
His is the task to fit the youthful mind
For all its stations by its God designed."

After Mr. Lewis gave up teaching, he chiefly followed the occupation of a surveyor and architect.

From the skill and rapidity of handling his instruments and making calculations, and the

neatness and accuracy of his plans, he soon became so noted that his services were much in requisition.

His taste and judgment were also conspicuous, as Lynn testifies to-day, with its various residences nestling among the hills and along the sea-shore. Mr. Lewis was married three times, and father of nine children.

He gained great commendation by his History of Lynn. And he was a poet as well as a historian ; for he produced many verses which, under critical analysis, were conceded to fully entitle him to the exalted name. His thoughts often ran deep and found no expression, while at other times simple and common scenes are portrayed with charming exactness ; and I think that the following awakens in most of our breasts a community of feeling : —

THE EVENING BELL.

“How sweet and solemn is the sound
From yonder lonely tower,
That sends its deep-toned music round
At twilight's holy hour!

“When every sound of day is mute,
And all its voices still;
And silence walks with velvet foot
O'er valley, town, and hill.

“When every passion is at rest,
And every tumult fled,
And through the warm and tranquil breast
The charm of peace is spread.

“Oh, then, how sweet the solemn bell,
That tolls to evening prayer!
While each vibration seems to tell
That thou, O God, art there!”

Mr. Lewis devoted his energies towards several attempts to improvement, such as the construction of a road along the harbor side of the beach, the erection of the light-house on Egg Rock, and a bulwark to protect the beach. He also drew the city seal.

As to his social merits. He had a warm heart, and few were more ready to aid others, though his interest might be compromised by his benevolence; and he says that he had spent more than forty years in endeavoring to show the world that love is the essence of true religion, which shows his depth of feeling for humanity.

He was of medium height, good form, and erect carriage. His head was large, his forehead high, his eye bright. He had a pleasant smile, but seldom indulged in a hearty laugh. He was thoughtful, but not abstracted, and of great powers of endurance; but was compelled

to follow the course of all mortals, breathing his last on the 21st of Jan. 1861, in the little cot reared partly by his own hand, which had been his home for many years ; where he loved to study and to muse ; to watch the serene light that proclaimed the peace of nature, or the weird mist that heralded the coming storm ; where the spent waves, whispering beneath his window, calm his spirit for nightly repose, and the solemn pulsations of the mighty deep swelled in majestic harmony with the throbs of his poetic soul ; where the ocean's wail may still be heard, and where he penned these entreating though unheeded lines : —

“ Oh, bury me not in the dark old woods,
Where the sunbeams never shine ;
Where mingles the mist of the mountain floods
With the dew of the dismal pine !
But bury me deep by the bright blue sea,
I have loved in life so well ;
Where the winds may come to my spirit free,
And the sound of the ocean shell.

“ Oh, bury me not in the churchyard old,
In the slime of the doleful tomb !
Where my bones may be thrust, ere their life is cold,
To the damp of a drearier gloom !
But bury me deep by the bright blue sea,
Where the friends whom I loved have been ;
Where the sun may shine on the grass turf free,
And the rains keep it ever green ! ”

I hope my readers will pardon me, but I feel so strongly drawn towards everybody bearing our name, that I cannot go on without speaking a few words about our heroine Ida.

Passing by, then, Chief Justice Ellis Lewis, born 1799 ; Gen. Andrew Lewis, of Va., 1777 ; and Gen. Morgan Lewis, Gov. of N. York, born 1754 ; without more than simple mention of Wm. Lewis, LL.D., of Philadelphia ; Dr. Dio Lewis, of Boston ; Tayler Lewis, of New York, I will say, as briefly as possible, what we owe to our friend of Lime Rock.

Idawalley Zorada Lewis, the Grace Darling of America, is one of four children born to Capt. Hosea Lewis and Idawalley Zorada Willey, his second wife. Her father is a native of Hingham, Mass., and for twelve years performed the duties of pilot to the revenue cutter, until appointed to take charge of Lime Rock Light in Newport Harbor. This was soon made his home ; but a paralytic stroke fell upon him soon after, which rendered him perfectly helpless.

Ida is the eldest child, and was born on the 25th of February, 1842, in Newport. After her father had been stricken by this shock, it became the duty of Ida to bring the family supplies

from town and to carry her little sister and brothers to school to and fro over the water. Again and again, the father once told a friend, he had seen the children from the window as they were returning from school in some heavy blow, and Ida alone with them ; and that he would not have given a penny for their lives, so furious was the storm ; and that he had watched them until he could bear it no longer, and would go away and ask his wife to tell him if they reached the landing safely ; for his heart would sink, sink almost to despair, from the thought of his inability to render assistance. In such hard experience was Ida schooled, and rendered capable of pulling the oar when the heart of a man might be pardoned for quailing.

Scarcely had Ida reached her sixteenth year when an event happened which brought her conspicuously before the public. It was a cold and dreary day in 1858 when a sail-boat, containing a pleasure party of four young men,— a son of Dr. King, Messrs. Powell and Smith of Philadelphia, and Mr. De Jongh of Newport,— was sailing between Lime Rocks and Fort Adams. The boat was capsized, and was seen by Ida, who ran to her boat, pushed off, and as soon as strength would permit pulled alongside

of the nearest, and ceased not to labor before they were all safe in her boat. This was followed by a second rescue February, 1866, when Ida had barely reached the age at which Grace Darling won her fame. A party of soldiers going to their garrison took a small boat for conveyance, but one of them in an intoxicated state stove a hole through the bottom. It rapidly filled with water, and sunk its contents in the sea; but Ida caught sight of one of them clinging to the capsized skiff, and immediately ran to his relief. In the struggle to lift his unwieldy body over the side, our friend was injured so as not to recover from its effects before a year. In 1867 three Irishmen were driving a valuable sheep of Auguste Belmont, the banker, through Main Street, when in fright it took to the water, and Paddy after it, regardless of wind or wave. The result was that their boat turned over, and only left a little ridge of keel to which Ida found them clenched, though their benumbed fingers were just slipping off. "O Holy Vargin! and be jabers, harve ye cume ter sarve ouse?" was their salutation; but Ida's thoughts turned on the struggling animal, and setting them on shore she again pushed off into the seething waters to its rescue, which was

safely accomplished. Two weeks after this event, a boatman while rowing along at midnight struck a sunken rock lying midway between Lime Rock and the town. His boat instantly filled and settled down upon the rock, leaving the unfortunate man clinging to the rigging. Ida's mother, a very early riser, discovered him, with only his head appearing above the surface of the water, at six in the morning. Ida was called up; and as soon as mortal limbs could send her to his aid the poor fellow felt himself safe and sound in her skiff, and heard warm words of consolation.

The fifth rescue is the best known, which occurred on the 29th of March, 1869. Ida was sitting by the fire at work, with roaring winds and lashing waves outside, when her mother rushed in and shrieked out, "Ida, oh, my God! Ida, run quick! a boat has capsized, men drowning! Run quick, Ida!" Two soldiers of the garrison of Fort Adams had hired a small boat managed by a mere lad, and had been overturned. Without shoes or hat, with a towel knotted around her neck, Ida rushes with her brother to their rescue. The mother ran out into the storm to a rock, and wildly gesticulated to the drowning men to hold on for one moment

longer. I will leave it to my reader to imagine Ida's little craft battling with the elements and bringing in triumph to land Sergeant Adams and companion plucked from a dreadful death. It was after this act that our papers began to render our heroine due praise, medals to be struck in her honor, and testimonials of every kind to flow into her hands. She was honored by President Grant and suite, Vice-President Colfax, and hundreds of less note; and having changed her name, but not her sympathetic heart, she, in spite of praise and honor, still remains the friend of the unfortunate. I leave her with these few imperfect sketches, in order to take up what has a more direct bearing upon ourselves.

As I remarked at the beginning, the first emigrant of the Lewis family was Thomas of Wales, who made his first visit to Saco in 1628; and on the 12th of February, 1629, received the following grant: —

“To all Christian People to whom this present writing indented shal come: The Council for the Affairs in New England, in consideration that Thomas Lewis, Gentleman, hath already been at the charge to transport himself and others to take a view of New England for the

bettering of his experience, in the advancing of a Plantation, and doth now wholly intend, by God's assistance, to plant there both for the good of his Majesty's realms and for the propagation of the Christian Religion among those infidels; and in consideration that the said Thomas Lewis, together with Captain Richard Bonython, and their associates, have undertaken, at their own proper costs and charges, to transport fifty persons thither within seven years, have given all that part of the main land, commonly called and known by the name of Sagadahock, containing in breadth, from north-east to south-west, along by the sea, four miles in a straight line, accounting seventeen hundred and threescore yards, according to the standard of England, to every mile; and eight English miles upon the maine land upon the north side of the River Sagadahock; he and they paying unto our Sovereign Lord, the King, one fifth part of gold and silver, one other fifth part to the Council aforesaid."

This deed was signed by Edward Gorges; and the Rev. William Blaxton, of Boston, was named attorney for the Council. This grant included thirty-two square miles, and comprised

the whole of the town of Saco. I mention Thomas here, for it is probable that he was related to the following:—

OUR DIRECT LINE.

Fifteen years after the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, a man came over from Wales, and with his little family landed at Boston. He was descended from a very respectable family at home, and could trace his ancestry far back into antiquity. His children were too tender to bear the hardships of an emigrant's life, his wife too weak to endure the peril and fright of savage customs; yet William and Amy Lewis did not show any hesitancy in meeting unavoidable danger, in whatever form it appeared. Boston was composed of only a few dwellings, and with its three towering hills presented a bare and dreary scene compared with some of the other settlements; yet our ancestor enjoys his first walk on American soil around this spot.

At this time Rev. John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indians, was settled in Roxbury, and in 1640 he writes that William and Amy are attendants at his church. But it cannot be that they had

removed to Roxbury yet, for Isaac, their son, was born in Boston in 1644.

In 1642 he was made freeman; and I find that, after joining Mr. Eliot's society, he is taxed to support the school which so many look upon now with pride. He is living now in Roxbury, next to William Heath, an elder of the Church, and a faithful friend to the Apostle. Here I find that his life passed with no marked deviation from what would be expected in a new settlement, until he seemed to have thought that there might be more pleasant places in the land than the rocky hills and wild woods of Roxbury, and that his son John had reached an age at which he could render him considerable assistance. These thoughts might or might not have entered his mind; but it is true that he was influenced by something to sell his place to Stephen Hoppins in 1653, and removed to form a new town on the Nashua River. This town was thirty-three miles west from Boston, in Worcester County, and was called Lancaster. Here William Lewis was the third in point of wealth, and among the rest gave ten shillings towards the purchase-money due to the Indians. In 1654 the first town-meeting was held, and William and his son John appear among the

twenty-five names subscribed as townsmen. Here, with his children around him, our ancestor continued to live with his townsmen, surrounded by all the risk and danger coming from a settlement at the mercy of the wild and cruel savage. The land had been bought of its aboriginal owners, yet what weight has a written compact to one void of understanding? Our colonies were at this time expecting an outbreak among certain tribes, and they were not disappointed; for the terrible war-whoop of the redskin burst over the hills, and sent a thrill of chilling fear through our mothers' hearts that we of to-day cannot in the least degree understand. We may flatter ourselves that we have felt the blood curdle in our veins, and our hair stand on end; but who can imagine the overpowering effect of the shrill whoop, the rush of agonizing thought, that your aged parents, your little babes helpless in the cradle, and all you hold dear, are in imminent danger of having their scalps torn from their heads, or of receiving the murderous tomahawk crashing through the skull?

The families at Lancaster, so far from the other settlements, presented an exceedingly good point of attack, while their flocks would

have been entirely at the mercy of an assailant. But no blow was struck until our ancestor had paid his last debt to nature, and had slept for six years. Sickness laid its hand on the man of sixty-one years, and he was compelled to sink to that level at which all mortals meet in equality. After making his will and appointing overseers for his family, he closed his eyes in death on the 3d of December, 1671. He left a large family, all of whom were born before coming to Lancaster. John, his eldest, was born Nov. 1, 1635; Christopher, 2 Dec. 1636; Lydia, 25 Dec. 1639; Josiah, 28 July, 1641; Isaac, April 14, 1644, and in Boston, being baptized by Apostle Eliot in Roxbury soon after; Mary, baptized 2 Aug. 1646; and Hannah, March 18, 1648; Mordecai, June 1, 1650. I think that all my friends will take pleasure in reading his will, but they must bear in mind that he had given from time to time his sons considerable portions of his landed property, and consequently left out some of their names in the last provision:—

“Lancaster, 21 Nov. 1671. The last Will and Testament of William Lewis.

“I, William Lewies, being weake in body yet of sufficient ability as to understanding and

memory at present through Devine goodness unto me, desire to set my house in order, that this being done I may be further prepared for Godes wille in my expected change. Imprimis, I commit my body to the dust to be decently buried in the comon buryal place of ye Towne, & my soule unto God who gave it, & redeemed it by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Item, as for ye house and accomodations thereunto belonging, my wille is y^t Amy my wife shall be and abide as a freeholder of my dwelling house during her naturall life, or as long as it shalle seeme good to herselfe to doe, and j^t w^t land and meadow is not mentioned in this my wille as given to my children is hereby also engaged unto my wife, to be at her dispose for her comfortable subsistance, according to the best discreſion of the overseers, viz. ; Major Simon Willard, Joseph Rowlandsoñ, Serjant Wm. Kerly, and Sergeant Henery Kerly, and all this during the time of her naturall life. The household stuffe and moveables also being at her disposing. Item, my will is that Isack my sonne shall be possessed of my housing and accomodations thereunto belonging after my wifes de-cease, except such as are already given by deed of Gift, or is after excepted in this my will,

only my wife is to have besides w^t is above expressed as given to her, on halfe of the fruiete of the orchard that now is at her own dispose. Item, my will is that my sonne Jno. and Isack shall have my meadow known by the name of Brooke meadow, not yet laid out, equally divided betwixt them, with all the divisionis either of upland or meadow by an equall division to be to them and either of them as their proper rights. Item, my will is that my three daughters Lidia, Mary, and Hannah shall have thirty pounds paid them by my sonne Isack, that is ten to each of them, that is to say fifty shillings within on yeare after my wife's decease to Lidia, fifty more to my daughter Mary within two yeares, fifty to Hannah within three yeares, and a like sume till all the Legacie be paid in the order mentioned. Item, my will is that in all difficult cases betwixt my wife and children, or among themselves, my above-named overseers are to be consulted with, and they determine according unto God as to what I have bequeathed to them or either of them. Item, whereas I have a deed under the Honoured Governor, Mr. Richard Bellingham, Esqr., his hand, of a peece of land in the limitts of Boston, my will is that my heyres either ob-

serve the condicions of the s^d deed as to building, or else to return the s^d deed to him my honoured friend againe, and in case any my sons go forth to build on the said land and make use of any part of my estate about the said worke, whichsoever of them so doeth he is to be responsible to my wife for so much as he expends of the estate I leave her possessed of. Finally, my will is that my loving wife and Isack my sonne be joynt executors of this my last will and testament.

• “In token y^t this is my last will and testament, I have put to my hand and seale the day and yeare above expressed. The mark U of William Lewies and a seale.

“In presence of us,

“RALPH HOUGHTON.

“The mark of JEAMES D ATHERTON.”

That all the important records concerning our first ancestor here may be together, so that my friend and reader may feel that I am accurate in my assertions in regard to my family, I will add the very first item which has any thing to do with our line in America :—

“vij. Augusti, 1635.

“These under written names are to be trans-

ported to Virginia, imbarqued in the *Globe* of London. Jeremy Blackman, Mr., have been examined by the Minister of Gravesend of their Conformitie, & have taken the oaths of Alleg^e. & Supremicie."

Then follows the passengers, among whom are Edward and William Lewes, aged twenty-three and twenty-five years respectively. It is very probable that they were brothers, for they both associate together in Boston, and in naming their children use the old family names. In Governor Cradock's will, 9th November, 1640, Edward Lewis is mentioned as a partner, and receives £600.

If these Lewises came from Southern Wales, as has always been maintained, Sir Edward Lewes, living on the old estate in 1580, must have been related; and perhaps Humphrey Lewes, who was the candidate for secretary of the Massachusetts Bay Company in May, 1629.

William Lewes married Amy Wells, and seems to have been a man of no small means; but, his course in America being so winding, I have found it exceedingly hard to follow him; and I warn all my friends against all the errors which are to be found in vogue, by saying that this William must not be confounded with the

William who came over to Cambridge. I would also call your attention to the fact, that it is highly improbable that any action was ever taken on the last article but one in the will; for some have supposed Isaac, and others John, removed to Boston, and settled there, both of which opinions I know to be wrong.

The mound of our ancestor's grave had hardly become green, when Philip's war broke out in all its fury. Lancaster, in February, 1676, fell helplessly into his hand. My reader is no doubt well acquainted with the story in connection with Mrs. Rowlandson's capture, while her husband the minister was on a journey to Boston to obtain soldiers for their defence. Before he could get assistance, the hawk swooped down and carried off forty of his flock. Just after this, Medfield was half-burned down, and lost twenty of its number in the raid. All the poor mortals at Lancaster could do was to fly to their fortified houses, and stand their chance for life. This list of overseers contains three of the principal men of the place, — the minister and two officers, father and son, — the latter afterwards called captain. Captain Kerley was at Boston with Mr. Rowlandson at the time Lancaster fell. William Lewis's son,

Christopher, married, and has descendants in Cambridge and Reading. The other children became widely scattered after their homes had disappeared, and I think it probable that some perished in the general massacre. The daughters and Christopher received before their father died, by will, the estate of a cousin, Thomas James, of which their brother John was executor; and this may account for the non-appearance of Christopher's name in the will. At the present time there are living in Lancaster many descendants of these brothers and sisters.

This raid of Philip entirely broke up the settlement, and spread the Lewis family to the winds. The eldest son, John, took his wife and little ones to a safe place in Dorchester, as it was then called, but now East Dedham. Here, by the side of a few that had accompanied him, he commenced to ply the trade of a cloth manufacturer.

He had been admitted a freeman 3 May, 1665, and had married Margaret Whitcomb about 1662; and had by her Barachiah, born July 31, 1663; Rebecca, born 1665, and died the same year; Bethia, born 1666; Patience, 1668; John, 1671; William, born 1673, died 1682. After removing to the safe and quiet

retreat in Dorchester, Hannah was born, 1678 ; and in 1680 another daughter, which must have been called from their state of feeling after all their trials Thankful, but she died two years after. It was this year that his name appears on the church records as being a member. By some sudden cause he dies intestate, in 1685. His widow, Hannah, and eldest son, Barachiah, receive authority the same year to settle the estate ; and I find a valuation of his old place in Lancaster in the inventory, together with that of their present home, Josiah White and Ralph Houghton being appraisers of the old place. Such things as two looms, two horses, and manufacturing implements, also appear.

His old estate in Lancaster consisted of his house-lot of twenty acres ; of thirty acres first division, and five second division, and fifty-four acres upland, third division.

Barachiah, after settling his father's estate, seems to have lived with his mother, whose place was partly in Dorchester and partly in Dedham, and when a division was made it came wholly into Dedham ; and here, we must say, that the old homestead is, on account of a late change. Here Barachiah married his wife

Judith, in 1690, and engages in the twofold business of running a farm and a mill. His first child was John, born 1691; after whom he had Judith, born July 6, 1693; William, born April 29, 1695; Nathaniel, May 25, 1697; Hannah, April 24, 1699; Isaac, Nov. 17, 1701; Rebecca, April 16, 1704; Sarah, July 4, 1706; and Ziporah, Mar. 14, 1708. In public documents he is sometimes called Lieutenant Barachiah, from his engaging in the Indian wars. On the 7th of May, 1710, he died; and his eldest son, John, received all the estate, on condition that he should pay his brothers and sisters their rights. Power is given to his wife Judith, the same year, to settle the estate; and I find that Margaret, his mother, is still living. At this time John is hardly twenty-one, and all the other children younger. So, in 1714, the children are, by authority, placed under the guardianship of Timothy Whiting, who is called their friend. This gentleman was a miller and fuller, and carried on his business in what is now East Dedham, but formerly Dorchester, and is probably the one with whom Barachiah was connected in business; and it is a fact that every thing points towards his vicinity as being the old place of the Lewises.

In one of the public papers of Barachiah's estate, his wife, Judith, is called Judith Ellice ; and as this is some years after his death, and every thing tends to make it probable, I think that she must have married Joseph Ellis, who lived in the same neighborhood. The daughter, Judith, married Joseph Dean ; but I find no record of her marriage, and should have considered it a mistake had I not found her name in a connection which proved unmistakably that her name became Dean. There is a record of a marriage between Joseph Ellice and Judith Lewis on the 16th of March, 1714 ; and the date corresponds nearly with the time when Judith is called Judith Dean, but it is pretty clear that this refers to the mother and not to the daughter. Ziporah married Aaron Ellis, on the 4th of January, 1727 ; Rebecca, Jonathan Ellis, June 6, 1728 ; Sarah, Captain Joseph Morse, June 6, 1728 ; and Hannah, Joseph Fisher, Dec. 7, 1726.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN LEWIS, SON OF JOHN
AND HANNAH, OF DORCHESTER.

JOHN was married to Anne Eaton Apr. 4, 1700, and lived in what was then called Dorchester. His married life was a short one, dying Sept. 1, 1718, and leaving three little children. His wife sold the place to Timothy and Nathaniel Whiting, and took upon herself the guardianship of her youngest son, Barachiah; while Joseph Wright, of Dedham, was placed over Ebenezer and Jonathan.

Ebenezer, born 1705, married his wife Hannah 1731; and had Hannah, Jan. 24, 1733, who married Henry Glover, Jan. 6, 1756; Millitiah, Mar. 9, 1735; Tabatha, Sept. 1, 1737; Anne, Feb. 4, 1740, married Wm. Grayham, 1768; Ebenezer, Mar. 3, 1742; Andrew, Dec. 22, 1744, married Sarah Lewis, 1771; Barnabas, Sept. 26, 1748; Keziah, May 21, 1753; Nathan, Apr. 7, 1756. Barnabas died 1752, and Keziah Nov. 13, 1758. Andrew married Sarah Lewis 1771, and had Lucy born Jan. 13, 1773; George Hickson, Oct. 2, 1774.

Jonathan, son of John and Anne, was born 1708, and married Hannah Hunting, of Dedham, Apr. 19, 1733; and had, Mar. 16, 1734,

Jonathan; Catherine, Apr. 28, 1737; Anne, Feb. 28, 1739; Hannah, Nov. 27, 1741; Moses, Sept. 27, 1743. Anne died June 8, 1739. In 1755 he is made guardian of his children with respect to property coming from their grandfather, John Hunting. In 1746, June 22, the mother died, and Hannah married, Dec. 17, 1762, Eliphalet Thorp. On Oct. 12, 1749, the father marries for a second wife Abigail Everett, of Dedham, and had by her Aaron, July 3, 1750; Jerusha, Oct. 25, 1752; Thomas, Mar. 1, 1755; Timothy, Mar. 21, 1757; Eve, Mar. 15, 1759; Anne, May 30, 1762. No record is found of his death, but before it took place he sold a portion of his estate to the Everetts, being on the what is called Walpole St., in So. Dedham. Thomas and Timothy served in the American army at Dorchester Heights, Lexington, and other places. Aaron married Sarah White, June 27, 1772.

Barachiah, son of John and Anne, married Hannah Adams of Roxbury, and from his will, in 1776, I find his children were Mary, Josephine, Hannah, Abigail, Submit, Rachael, Samuel, and Timothy. Many in Roxbury are descended from these children; and Samuel's

daughter, Sarah, married Joseph Smith, of Dedham, and lived on the old Paine Place, which he inherited, and which is still in his descendants' hands.

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN, SON OF BARACHIAH
AND JUDITH.

I can find but these few facts concerning his history, that he helped his mother settle the estate after his father's death, and married his wife Elizabeth but a few years before his death. His business was that of a blacksmith. In 1717 authority is given to his wife to settle the estate, and I know of no other child than John, who followed his father's trade at the old stand in East Dedham. His wife's name was Abigail, who became mother to Bulah, born 1743; Isaac, born Nov. 18, 1745; Sarah, Nov. 7, 1747, married Thomas Clark, 1775; Asa, Aug. 24, 1750; Bathsheba, Sept. 17, 1752; Abner, Jan. 27, 1756; Paul, Feb. 17, 1760. There is a paper on record giving also John, David, and Joseph. Joseph married Molly Baker, Nov. 27, 1760, and had Bulah, June 14, 1762; Molly, Oct. 1764; Betsey, Nov. 19,

1766 ; Bulah, Nov. 18, 1768 ; Sheba, June 7, 1770 ; Rosa, July 25, 1772 ; Nancy, Sept. 12, 1774. Abner and John were probably two of those who accompanied Rev. Mr. Balch to Louisburg to enjoy the honor of capturing that impregnable fortress. Mary married Samuel Paul, Jan. 25, 1753 ; Bathsheba married Samuel Dickerman, Oct. 30, 1771. Paul continued to carry on his father's business at East Dedham.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM, SON OF
BARACHIAH AND JUDITH.

William married his wife Bethia, 1718, and had by her Mary, Aug. 11, 1722, according to town records ; but no mention is made of the eldest daughter, Bethia, who appears in the will ; William, Aug. 14, 1724 ; Sarah, Dec. 18, 1726 ; Abigail, Jan. 16, 1729 ; Mary, Apr. 5, 1731 ; Hezekiah, Oct. 29, 1733 ; Sarah, Mar. 9, 1736 ; Margaret, 1738, married Wm. Gay, 1759 ; Benjamin, Mar. 19, 1741. He lived in So. Dedham, on the " Plain." Sarah, the first, died Sept. 4, 1730 ; the second, Oct. 14, 1741 ; Mary also died Oct. 13, 1741 ; and Barachiah, Oct. 25, 1741. There is no record of the last's

birth, also of the daughter Judith. The father died shortly before 1762, and I find all the children except Hezekiah mentioned in a public document. Bethia married Eleazer Everett, and lived not far from home ; Abigail married Josiah Bullard, Apr. 20, 1749, and lived on the old Bullard Place ; Judith married Benjamin Bullard, Apr. 15, 1756, and lived in Dedham. William, Jr., after marrying his wife Mehitabel, settled down near his father, and left on record these children, — Mary, born Mar. 20, 1745 ; William, Mar. 11, 1746 ; Mehitabel, Feb. 20, 1750, married Enoch Ellis, of Walpole, 1780 ; Mary, Nov. 17, 1754 ; Bethia, Jan. 24, 1748 ; Sarah, 1752. I find no account of the first Mary's death, but it is probable that she died young. This family owned property in Sharon, and it may be that the mother was connected with the Hixon family. Sarah married Andrew Lewis, 1771, and had Lucy, born 1773 ; and George Hixon, Oct. 2, 1774. In 1769 the children were put under the guardianship of George Talbot, as the father had died 1764, and a part of the Sharon estate was sold to Richard Hixon, and I can find no trace of William third. It is probable that he engaged in some of the expeditions sent

out in the French and Indian war, and lost his life. This seems more probable when we consider that his father was in the ranks, serving at Ticonderoga, Ft. Edward, Wm. Henry, and Louisburg ; and I have been unable to ascertain whether he was the person on record as being captured ; but as there is no record of his death at home, I think it very probable that he died in the hands of the enemy.

Benjamin married Hannah Gould Jan. 22, 1765, and had three children : Jesse, 1765 ; Richard, 1767 : and David, 1769.

Nathaniel, son of Barachiah and Judith, married Miriam Draper, Jan. 16, 1729. His children were, Miriam, Mar. 7, 1730, who died soon after ; Nathaniel, 1731 ; Rebecca, Oct. 16, 1734, who married Joseph Richards, Feb. 9, 1758 ; Timothy, Nov. 10, 1737 ; Mehitabel, Feb. 10, 1740, married Samuel Colburn ; Miriam, Jan. 26, 1744, married Joseph Ellis, Apr. 24, 1766. The father died only five years before the mother, in 1757.

Nathaniel, Jr., married Experience Harts-horn, Jan. 29, 1754, and lived on the old place. His children were Lucy, Mar. 23, 1758 ; Nathaniel, Apr. 13, 1761 ; Olive, Sept. 19, 1763, married Wm. Dean, 1786 ; Rebecca,

Oct. 14, 1767, married Jonathan Ellis ; Jabez, Oct. 12, 1769 ; Joseph, May 7, 1773 ; and Asa, who married Catherine Plummer, and left William and Catherine. Nathaniel married Mary Penniman, Jan. 6, 1785. He and Jabez settled their father's place, he having died Nov. 30, 1790. Joseph married Sybil Morse, and died Aug. 10, 1824. When young, he and his brothers were put under the guardianship of George Ellis. The mother, Experience, died Jan. 4, 1830, 94 years old ; Nathaniel, Jr., May 19, 1803. Jabez married Catherine Pettee, of West Dedham, Feb. 10, 1805, and had William Hart, July 7, 1806 ; and Frances Elizabeth, Mar. 7, 1809, who married Moses Fairbanks, Sept. 9, 1841, but died Mar. 26, 1864 ; Ellis ; Jabez, 1812, died Sept. 24, 1836, who married Eliza Kingsbury, who died May 30, 1844 ; Catherine, May 6, 1811, who married George Guild, of Walpole, Apr. 9, 1829, and has three children, George, Julia, and ~~Charles~~ *August*. Joseph left one child, Nancy, who was married to George W. Johnson, of Sharon. They live in East Walpole, but have no children except an adopted daughter, Juliet.

DESCENDANTS OF ISAAC THE FIRST, SON OF
BARACHIAH AND JUDITH.

Of all the children, Isaac must necessarily be of the greatest importance to most of my readers, for I suppose many of you can legitimately call him great-great-grandfather together with myself. His father died when he was a mere boy, and he was placed under the guardianship of Timothy Whiting. He spent a portion of his early years in learning the shoemaker's trade, and this accounts for his being called a cordwainer in public documents. When he had reached that point in life at which one feels that he is expected to assert his independence, he began to buy up land and make considerable additions to what he had inherited from his father. In Nov. 1726, he purchased of Samuel Bullard a fourth part of a grant of land of 320 acres for £180; the other three parts belonging to Simeon Pettee, John Bullard, and Josiah White, lying in Old Dorchester, now So. Dedham and Sharon; and the lower boundary being Traphole Brook, which you see included the part of the Fowl Meadows which has ever since been in the family's possession. In 1731 he sold the part of his

father's place that was left him for £33, and soon after he and his partners sold 79 acres to Jeremiah Kingsbury. It was but a short time after that he purchased of Foxcroft, of Boston, for £484, a tract of land partly in Dedham and partly in Stoughton, adjoining his land on the north. It may be that he thought of settling all this with his family: the number of his children looks suspiciously in that direction. Possibly a desire to please his Mary was what induced him to buy so largely, and at all events his Sunday nights at Timothy Whiting's must have been well spent about 1734, and plans laid largely for some one's benefit; for on the 12th of April, 1734, Isaac Lewis and Mary Whiting are made Isaac and Mary Lewis, and settle down on that portion of their land near the old post road, plant their orchard, and live in prosperity. I sometimes imagine those old trees standing now to have been planted by their hands; but, as house and barns have passed away, I am willing to allow that all traces are gone. The first child that crowned their married life was Mary, born Jan. 8, 1735, who afterwards married Eliphalet Ellis, of Dedham, July 10, 1755. In 1736, Dec. 15, their first son, John, was born; then we find Abigail,

born Dec. 4, 1738, who afterwards married David Fisher, Sept. 21, 1758; Joanna, born Dec. 4, 1740, married Seth Bullard, 1766, and lived on Walpole Street; Rebecca, born May 11, 1743, married Thomas Starret, of Warren, Maine; Sarah, born Oct. 6, 1745, married John Andrews, of Warren, Maine; Margaret, born Mar. 28, 1747, married George Sumner, of Sharon, July 5, 1765; and after his father's death, Isaac, Aug. 4, 1749. In 1742 he bought his first possessions in Walpole, of Jeremiah Dexter, a "blomor," for £201, consisting of 60½ acres of woodland extending from the Neponset River to the Boston and Bristol turnpike, a portion of which is in our hands to-day. In 1749, on the 5th of June, at a comparatively early date, he died intestate. His property was divided between the widow and two sons, Isaac and John, on condition that the daughters should be paid their just claims. The children were all quite young, and consequently were put under guardianship. The elder portion chose Isaac Whiting, of Dedham; and the mother took charge of the younger. On the 9th of June, 1754, the widow married John Fairbanks, and had two children, David and Abner, whose descendants continue to live

on the old homestead. Let us look back a few minutes and get a clear understanding of the several changes which our direct ancestry have made, up to the last which brought them to Walpole. Away back in James the First's time we find them in Wales, and probably if we could go back further still we should find them settled in south-eastern England. The first emigrant is next seen embarking at London; and then, after a rough and perilous voyage, we find him at Boston, and here is the first American home. From Boston to Roxbury, from Roxbury to Lancaster, from Lancaster to what is now East Dedham, from East Dedham to South Dedham, and from South Dedham to Walpole, we find, runs the crooked road of change.

ISAAC THE SECOND'S DESCENDANTS.

From this period I must branch off and consider two families separately, that of Isaac the second and that of John. The place, as I said, became theirs, and after their mother's death her thirds also were added.

Isaac married Abigail Bullard, daughter of Josiah Bullard, of Dedham, 1774, and bought

of Joseph Coney, of Walpole, for £227, 46 acres of land, with house and barn thereon, the place being on both sides of the road, and now in the possession of Messrs. Charles Everett, Calvin Plimpton, Jason Lewis, Wm. Lewis, in part, and Frederic Fish. This must have been his first home after marriage, as it was purchased Apr. 20, 1773. Here he was blessed by a daughter, Abigail, who was born Feb. 27, 1775, and who married Daniel Fisher, of North Walpole; Isaac, born Aug. 22, 1777, married, May 19, 1803, Susannah Ware, of Wrentham; Aaron, born June 25, 1780, married Mary Fales, of Wrentham, July 23, 1806; Olive, born Apr. 14, 1786, married Warren Allen, of Walpole; John, born Aug. 13, 1789, married Fanny Smith, of Sharon. Here his boys learned the art of agriculture, and his daughters lent a helping hand in household affairs, until some needy mortal came along and snatched them away to form new homes and new families.

In 1791 he bought of Benjamin Kingsbury the cedar swamp now in our possession. In 1792, of Wm. Pettee, 10 acres for £30, lying near the turnpike. His wife Abigail died Dec. 14, 1817, leaving him to run his course alone

until May 23, 1821, at a ripe old age, he died. This is the pair whose history would be of the greatest interest to us all. We have but to consider the momentous times of their childhood down to their old age, in order to get the most interesting and most important part of our country's history. In their childhood our troubles with Great Britain began, and the birth of their first child was saluted by the booming at Lexington and Bunker Hill. To live then was to get up in the morning, to partake of a tasteless breakfast, and hurry nervously through the work of the day in eager hope of safety and peace; to lie down at night fearing the news of the morrow. But as my purpose is to give as compactly as possible in a brief way our different phases, I must not stop to dwell long on such matters, though of more real interest, perhaps, than what I may write. The remains of this honored couple rest in the old burial-place beside many of their descendants. The eldest child, Abigail, lived with her husband, Daniel Fisher, on the place which her son's family now occupies, and her descendants are quite numerous. Isaac married, in 1803, Susannah Ware, and bought the place adjoining his father's of Nicholas Harris, Dec.

18, 1801, which is now in his descendants' hands. And here I must say that my ancestors please me very much in their implicit belief and fearless practice of the Scripture injunction to multiply ; for it shows that they were susceptible of Bible truths. Their first child was William, born Mar. 17, 1804, who married Judith Maria Whittemore, of Roxbury, Sept. 17, 1833 ; Warren, born July 24, 1806, married Mary D. Morse, of So. Dedham, Dec. 1829 ; Susannah, born Oct. 25, 1808, died Sept. 1863 ; Benjamin, born Jan. 18, 1812, married Irene P. Davis, of Rumney, N.H., Aug. 22, 1841 ; Isaac, born Feb. 23, 1814, married Mary Bryant, of Hooksett, N.H. ; George and James, born Nov. 8, 1816, married Mary Davis, of Michigan, and Eveline Anderson, of Newark, N.J. ; Mary Eliza and Margaret Emily, born Aug. 17, 1818, married John C. Pond, July, 1841, and George Goodwin, of Maine, Oct. 1848. He received by his father's will a goodly portion, which we hold at the present time, but died soon after, on the 6th of August, 1825 ; while his widow did not leave us till Dec. 17, 1854, aged 78. As he died intestate, authority was solicited for settling the estate ; and the eldest son, William, was appointed executor. Ben-

jamin received the buildings and nearly all the land, on condition that the mother should have a subsistence with him, and he should settle a certain sum on his sisters. Here, on the old place, Benjamin continued to live an honest farmer's life until death eased him of a long and painful disease, Dec. 19, 1866, in the 55th year of his age. He left, besides his widow, three children: Abbie F., born 22 Jan. 1844, married S. Foster Turner, of Medfield, Nov. 7, 1871; Julia M., born June 13, 1846; and Etta F., born June 24, 1853. William spent a portion of his early years in learning a mechanic's trade; and, having a strong taste for music, seems to have been never contented with the deep and thundering tones of the trip-hammer, or the measured beat of the anvil chorus, but, in spite of fear of satiety, he brings into his possession from time to time some instrument of tone which no doubt served to while away time. But the effect is marvellous; for none of his children can keep from using their vocal pipes, and one does hardly any thing but drum and blow out music for a living.

In June, 1826, he bought a portion of his father's estate for \$250, the pasture land he now owns, and in Aug. 1827 he adds the

portion of Cedar Swamp now his. On the 24th of Feb. 1834, he purchased his present house-lot of one acre of Mr. Chas. Everett, and soon was able to bring his wife to better quarters. His first child was John W., born July 28, 1836, who married Mary Emma Crowell, of Norwich, Conn., on the 19th of June, 1861, and who continues to devote his time and talent to music; then, James Albert, born June 30, 1840, married Clara W. Pierce, of Rochester, Mass., Sept. 1, 1861; Maria Emma, born May 11, 1842, married Moses W. Pierce, of Rochester, Mass., Dec. 24, 1863; Georgie A., born Oct. 6, 1844; Angie, born Oct. 24, 1846; Isaac Newton, born 25 Dec. 1848; Alberta, born Oct. 3, 1850, and died Nov. 28, 1851; Martha, born July 24, 1852; Mary F., born Aug. 6, 1855. He gave up his trade after spending one winter in New York, and has since lived on his farm, which he has increased from time to time. Albert's children are Arthur W. and Edward A., Bertie and Georgie having died in babyhood; Emma's, William W., Lemuel H., and Samuel Whittemore. Warren married Mary Morse in Dec. 1829, and not long after commenced the manufacture of paper in the mill since owned by the Hon. F. W.

Bird, but giving that up he spent the last years of his life as a workman in the same manufacture. He was at one time of his life Captain of a company of light infantry, and bore the title at the time of his death, which occurred on Sept. 8, 1863. He left Ann Maria, born Oct. 27, 1833, married David Grover, of East Walpole, Sept. 1853; Henry, born Oct. 7, 1831, married Hannah Beach, of Salisbury, Vt., Aug. 31, 1853; Mary E., born May 27, 1835, married Samuel Bird, Jan. 1, 1854; George W., born Feb. 7, 1837, married Caroline E. Cheney, of East Walpole, June 17, 1863; Louisa M., born Mar. 15, 1841; Clara A., born 1852, and died 1854. Henry is the only one of the family that lives away from his native place. He has resided in Manchester for some years, and has been a member of the City Council for some time. Ann Maria died May 21, 1865, leaving two children: Edmund G., born Apr. 7, 1855; and Ella M., born July 1, 1858. Henry has had Fred. H., born July 5, 1857; Walter, Feb. 17, 1865, but died May 9, 1865; Walter F., born May 31, 1866. George and Carrie have had one child, a little girl named Gertrude P., who died Oct. 13, 1868. Isaac spent his boyhood and a portion of his manhood around his

native place, but afterwards went to Hooksett, N.H., where he got a position which he held for years, until business called him to Manchester, where he removed with his wife, and has lived since. I would remind him that he is the fourth of his name in direct lineage, and I am sorry that there were not more; and, if another opportunity should be given to us to talk over our past history, we shall never have to surmise this or doubt that; for herein are the missing links of the long broken chain of kindred welded together by the sledge of public record; though I must confess that the arm that wielded it is very weak, and should any of my readers be inclined to think that the matter contained herein is insignificant, I hope that before an opinion is expressed a full conviction of the patience and perseverance necessary to success will flood that mind with light. George went on board of a whaling vessel very soon after he was capable of going, and made many a long trip, experiencing all the hardships and perils of the whaler's life. He relinquished it after a while, and commenced a trading business which necessitated his going to Peru and other South American States. He afterwards engaged in the coasting trade on the Lakes until he mar-

ried in 1853, and settled down in Gorham, Ohio, where he is still living, having five children : Millard, 1854 ; Clara, 1856 ; Jennie, 1861 ; Ida, 1858 ; and Willie, Nov. 9, 1865. James lived during his boyhood with his Uncle Shepard, of Wrentham, and, after arriving at manhood, went to New Jersey to engage in business as a straw merchant. Since then he has lived both in New York and Newark, N.J., engaging in his occupation the while. He married Eveline Anderson Sept. 1860, and has a daughter Etta, born Aug. 16, 1861, and is living now in Monson, Mass. Emily, after leaving home, removed to Hooksett, N.H., with her family, where she remained for a few years, but afterwards went to Manchester, where she is living now, with her son, Orrin L. Goodwin, born in Augusta, Me., July 26, 1849. Eliza married John C. Pond, and lives in So. Dedham, or, as we must call it now, Norwood. Their only child is Ellen, born 6 May, 1845, who, we all rejoice to hear, is convalescing from a long and painful trial of illness.

AARON AND MARY LEWIS.

Now let us look in on Aaron's descendants. He engaged in his trade of carpentry during the earlier part of his life, but soon settled down to farming. His father left him by will a portion of his property, and conditioned his brothers in his favor. He lived but a short way from his father and brother Isaac, and died Aug. 30, 1830, leaving a widow and the following children: Mary, born Aug. 26, 1808, married Charles Turner, of Wrentham, Jan. 1, 1828; Oliver, born Dec. 16, 1811, married Aug. 14, 1834, Lydia B. Clap, of Boston; Sarah, born Apr. 22, 1814, married Lyman Morse, of Wrentham, Nov. 1834, and died Sept. 27, 1841; Abigail, born Oct. 9, 1817, married Ollis Clap, of Walpole, and died Feb. 9, 1872; Joel, born 1819, died Sept. 25, 1821; Clarissa, born Apr. 18, 1825, married George P. Bullard, of North Walpole, Nov. 1850; Sallie, born June 18, 1810, and died July 5, 1810. Mary after marriage lived in East Boston, where her husband was engaged in the foundry business; but a few years ago they built them a home in Walpole, and thence removed with their only child, Mary Amanda,

born July 7, 1828, and who is at present a successful teacher in one of the East Boston schools. Charles Addison, her little brother, was born Sept. 26, 1830, but died the next month. Oliver is a foundryman by trade, and has lived for many years in South Reading, now Wakefield. He has given up his business, I understand, and lives on a farm. His children are : Charles O., born Aug. 22, 1835, married Annie Rhodes, of Lynn ; Mary E., born Dec. 27, 1836, married Joseph Fulsom, of East Boston ; Lydia A., born May 23, 1839 ; Emily C., born Jan. 25, 1841, married Nathan B. Fletcher, of Lynn ; Albert, born Jan. 10, 1843 ; Sarah, born Sept. 17, 1844, but died Mar. 5, 1845 ; George, born Nov. 9, 1846, and married Cassandria Maynard, of Plymouth ; Temperance C., Nov. 28, 1849, married Wallace Holt, of Wakefield ; Clara A., born May 22, 1852. Mary married Joseph Fulsom, of East Boston, where she now resides with a family of two little children, Josephine Mary, born May 16, 1860, and Harriet Frances, born June 6, 1861. Lydia married Henry M. Richardson, of Reading. Her children are : George Henry, born Feb. 5, 1861, died Nov. 6, 1861 ; William Oliver, Sept. 26, 1862 ; and Charles

Lyman, Feb. 6, 1867. Emily and Nathan B. Fletcher have one son, Charles Warren, born Dec. 1, 1870. George and Cassandria have a little daughter, Annie Maynard, born Mar. 23, 1872. Sarah and Lyman Morse had one son, George Henry, born Feb. 4, 1837, who married Eliza Evans, of Va., and has a son, Franklin Evans, born in 1870. Abigail and Ollis Clap were married Oct. 9, 1839, and have Abby Ann, born Aug. 4, 1840; Henry Scudder, born Sept. 7, 1842; and Franklin Ollis, born Aug. 17, 1847, but died when just entering upon manhood, Apr. 16, 1869. Abby married George Nickerson, of Walpole, and has Rosella F., born Apr. 25, 1862; Melissa L., Sept. 1864; Annie L., Oct. 1866; Mary J., 1868, but died 1869, aged 10 months; George H., July, 1871. Henry Scudder married Sarah Sears, of East Dennis. Two little boys have been born to them but to die,— John Henry, born Dec. 26, 1867, died Apr. 18, 1868; and Frank Sears, born Oct. 5, 1870, died July 12, 1871. Clarissa and George Bullard were married in Nov. 1850. Their first child was Clara Anna, born Oct. 20, 1852, who was followed by Ella Amanda in 1856, May 6; Sarah Frances, Feb. 21, 1859, but died June 17,

1861 ; Lizzie Frances, Sept. 15, 1861; George Henry, Nov. 16, 1863 ; and Willie Lewis, Mar. 14, 1867.

OLIVE AND WARREN ALLEN.

The next in order is Olive, who married Warren Allen, of Walpole, and lived at the Centre. She lived to a good old age, and had the sorrowful experience of seeing her children fall one by one stricken down by consumption. Thus passed away Warren ; Abel, who married Mary Nickerson, of Monument ; Olive, who married Lawson Gray, of Walpole, but died very soon after, in Feb. 22, 1837 ; Harriet Newhal, who died Nov. 6, 1834, when just budding into womanhood. Olive died Nov. 10, 1861.

JOHN AND FANNY.


The last of Isaac the second's family is John, who was the youngest. He lived all his life on his father's place, and was appointed executor. By the provisions of the will the daughters received one hundred and fifty dollars apiece, Isaac half of the Fowl meadow and half of the

Cedar Swamp, Aaron and family their home and lands, while John received the rest. He was very energetic and enterprising, entered into the butchering business, and kept two or three teams running to and from Boston in expressing goods. He became bound to pay the debts of his partner; and he found not long after that honesty is not always practised in the affairs of this world, and while trying to prove himself true to his bond his spirit became broken down, and, instead of dying with all the surroundings his efforts deserved, he was obliged to leave his family and large place in debt, on the 28th of Dec. 1826, aged 37. His widow Fanny and three young children husbanded what was left after the sale of their home, and removed a short distance to the Maxcy Place. The children were: John, born July 19, 1817; Fanny, born Aug. 6, 1819, married the Rev. Dr. Scudder, of New York, Apr. 18, 1844; Irene, born Sept. 2, 1821, died soon after; Olive A., Jan. 27, 1824, married Henry C. McFall a few years since, but was snatched away by death but a few days after her mother's departure, Oct. 5, 1868. John was married to Electa M. Page, only daughter of Harlan Page, a well-known

preacher of the gospel, July 18, 1843. He studied for the ministry at Andover and New York, and early went to Wisconsin as a home missionary. For a while he was in the service of the Home Board at Hazel Green, after which he became pastor of the church at Platteville, where he preached till his death, in Sept. 22, 1860, which took place in despite of his voyage to Italy and medical skill. I wish I could offer a fitting tribute to his memory, but I can only say that his record is a noble one, and memory's garden is fresh and green, watered by the thoughts and tears of friends. His widow is still living in the West, with their adopted child. Fanny S. married Henry Martyn Scudder, son of Dr. Scudder, of New York, who was born at Cauditeripo, Ceylon, Feb. 5, 1822. He came to the United States when ten years old, and began his studies at Williamstown, Mass., from which place he went to New York to pursue his studies at the University, where he graduated, as well as at the Union Theological Seminary. He was soon after ordained by the third Presbytery of New York; preached six months at New Rochelle, and having met our dear friend and relative, claims her for a partner in the performance of duty and the rewards of

a ministerial life. They sailed for Madras, Southern India, in the service of the American Board of Foreign Missions, May 6, 1844. Here he labored six years, and then went into the Arcot district, and established a new mission, where several of his brothers continue to labor. At the expiration of thirteen years he was sent home for the sake of his health, when he lived and preached in New York City for two years, presenting the missionary cause to the reformed churches on the Sabbath, and delivering his course of lectures on India during the week. In May, 1860, he went to Switzerland, where he remained five months, then taking the overland route he reached India again. He took up his post on the Neilgherry Hills, fearing that his health might not endure the intense heat of the plains. After four and a-half years his health failed him again, and he was suddenly ordered home to recruit once more. Medical advice decided that it would be hazardous for him to try the climate of India again, and so he accepted a call to a Reformed Church in Jersey City, where he remained six months, and then went to San Francisco, in answer to a call from the Howard Presbyterian Church. After filling that pastorate for nearly

six years, his health declined ; and he accepted a call to the Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., preaching his first sermon in 1871. His society are erecting an edifice of nearly three times the capacity of the old one, to meet the demands of the place. I need not add any thing to what my readers know or think of the life of the wife all this time. Stretch your imaginations, friends, and contemplate her varied circumstances, — born in Old Walpole, right at some of our doors ; led to New York in search of knowledge and truth ; caught up and carried over the sea to a spot almost diametrically opposite to her native place ; living a life devoted to the noble and the good in a land foreign alike to purity and kindred ; in a word, a missionary's life, the import of which none but a missionary can understand ; crossing the ocean again ; called to the most western coast of our country, and from West to the very East again ! Say, reader, can you comprehend the meaning of such a pilgrimage ? Their children I am glad to be able to give as follows : John, born at Madras, India, Sept. 12, 1845, but died Feb. 27, 1847 ; Harriet Waterbury, Madras, May 4, 1847 ; Fanny L., Madras, May 12, 1849, but died May 14 of



the same year ; Catharine S., Madras, Sept. 15, 1850 ; Henry M., Arcot, Mar. 23, 1852 ; John L., Wallajapet, Dec. 5, 1853 ; William W., Vellore, Aug. 6, 1855 ; Joseph Melancthon, Coonoor, June 15, 1857, but died at Vellore, Dec. 10, 1857 ; Doremus, New York City, Dec. 15, 1858 ; and Fanny Haines, Coonoor, Mar. 10, 1861. William died at Vellore Jan. 9, 1857. Henry and John are pursuing their studies at Yale. Harriet was married five years ago to Captain L. L. Janes, and lives in Japan, where he is engaged in teaching military science, with a salary of \$6,000, a house and horse. They have two children.

JOHN LEWIS'S DESCENDANTS.

We have now to take up the eldest son, John, of Isaac, the first of Dedham, who shared his father's property with Isaac the second, whose descendants we have just considered. When his father died he chose Isaac Whiting as his guardian, and after reaching his seniority devoted himself to agriculture. He spent the early part of his married life in So. Dedham, but in 1769 he purchased of Doctor Ebenezer

Dagget, of Walpole, for £73 and over, 17 acres of land in Walpole, having a great deal of property in Sharon and Dedham beside. This piece was not the house-lot; for, as I can find nothing to the contrary, I believe he received the homestead as it was in 1769, from his father's property. Of all of his lands on record nothing is said of its purchase. In 1758, Sept. 20th, he married Deborah Fisher, of Sharon. His first child was John, born Aug. 18, 1759; then Mary, Oct. 13, 1761; David, Mar. 6, 1765; Deborah, Aug. 14, 1767, born in Dedham; and Sarah, Apr. 16, 1770; Joseph, July 7, 1773; and Oliver, Feb. 28, 1778, born in Walpole.


Mary married John Morse, of Dedham, Nov. 23, 1783; Sarah was made the wife of William Bacon, of Dedham, Jan. 29, 1789, by the Rev. Mr. Morey, of Walpole; Deborah married Samuel H. Dean, of Dedham, Apr. 3, 1789.

The father spent the last part of his life in farming; but one day, when he was engaged in collecting taxes according to the old custom, he fell down dead in the street. This occurred in 1788; but his wife continued to live for a considerable while longer, and her face still

lingers in the memory of some of the oldest of us. She was called away on the 28th of February, 1829, when she had passed through ninety winters, and now rests by the side of her children in our present burial-place.

John, Jr., married Mar. 17, 1782, Anna Pratt, of Mansfield, by whom he had no children. He afterwards married Mrs. Dotey, by whom he had his present children. He lives in Whitestown, N.Y.

David received the old homestead, and was consequently led to farming. He married, Feb. 18, 1790, Priscilla Guild, of Dedham, and built the buildings now on the place. His first child was Polly, born Feb. 16, 1791; then Jason, born Apr. 11, 1792; Priscilla, Sept. 15, 1794; and Miranda, Oct. 4, 1801. He died May 2, 1839, 74 years old, leaving his place to Jason, who took care of his mother until she followed her husband, Apr. 5, 1841, at 71 years of age. Polly, after a life subject to a spasmodic affection, closed her life Feb. 19, 1841. Priscilla married Jacob White, of Mansfield, Mass., Oct. 30, 1814, and is still living in New York. Miranda married James Ellis, May 23, 1824, but died May 19, 1841, leaving Carrie and Mary. Jason entered easily



into the management of home affairs, and early commenced to carry the produce of the farm to the Boston market. He married June 7th, 1816, Ruth Wilkinson, of New Hampshire. Their first child was Martha, born Oct. 7, 1817; then Priscilla G., born May 12, 1820; Sarah W., July 27, 1824; Ellen R., Sept. 16, 1827; Lizzie N., Oct. 28, 1830; David and Deborah, Aug. 6, 1833; and Jason, Mar. 18, 1841.

The mother is still living, having been separated from her husband by death May 30, 1858. The worth of the dead is only known to near friends: hence on many occasions I feel that silence on my part is the greatest tribute of praise. Martha married John R. Hixon, of Sharon, Jan. 1, 1839, and lives in Springfield, Mass. Edward, Frances, Henry, Willie, Imogene, and Charley number the living and the dead of this family. Charley alone remains; the first two leaving us in all the strength and promise of maturity, the rest in the bloom of childhood. Priscilla married Calvin G. Plimpton, Nov. 18, 1840. They settled down near his place of business, which was that of a manufacturer of hoes, axles, and springs. Carrie A. appeared Feb. 22, 1842, and Pris-

cilla Jan. 21, 1844; Idella, born Dec. 30, 1848; John Calvin, May 10, 1850; Lewis Henry, Jan. 8, 1853; George Arthur, July 13, 1855; James Edward, Oct. 27, 1856; Herbert Moseley, May 13, 1859; Howard Emerson, Apr. 7, 1862. Lewis belongs to the present Freshman Class at Harvard.

The father, while directing the attention of a workman to a piece of machinery, caught his foot in the belt, and was prostrated with a broken limb. A period followed during which every means was taken to repair the injury, but in vain. An amputation was deemed necessary, but to no purpose: the limb became worse, and soon an affection set in which terminated his days, Nov. 4, 1864. He had just established himself in a new dwelling, on which he had expended every thing that could secure comfort and happiness; his business was in its most flourishing condition; his home comfort enhanced by the health and progress of his children; yet who can say but what it was all for the best that he should be stricken down?

Carrie married the Rev. Edwin A. Adams, of Medway, May 16, 1866, and now presides over a family of her own in Manchester, Conn.

May all the pleasure and satisfaction of a ministerial life be theirs without its many trials !

To return to Jason's family. Sarah married Dr. Henry R. Vaille, Oct. 8, 1849, and resides in Springfield, Mass. Their first child was Frederic O., then Frank W., Dora, and Howard. Frederic belongs to the present Sophomore Class at Harvard University.

Ellen married Robert Crossett, of Springfield, June 6, 1853, through the Rev. G. H. Newhall, of Walpole. She lived in the former place until her husband's death, which occurred the first part of the last decade. She has been living since at home, in Walpole, with her two children, Cora and Lewis.

Lizzie married the Hon. Emerson Wight, of Springfield, Feb. 15, 1862, by the Rev. J. W. Healy, of Walpole. Ruthie came into the world to enliven their lives ; but, just as if nothing could be enjoyed without some pain, the mother was removed from earth, November, 1871, after a long and tedious while of suffering. Little Deborah lived but three years, yet she left an impression so deep that it has never been erased. She died Oct. 31, 1836.

David married Lizzie T. Willet, of Boston, Nov. 30, 1865. His business is in the latter

place at present ; and, being comparatively near home, his friends have the pleasure of seeing his face now and then, attended by smaller features which light up like the rising sun when they catch a glimpse of the old brook, and dance and caper as lively as the water itself.

Joseph, son of John and Deborah, was born July 7, 1773, and married for his first wife Rachael Wallace. John, their child, was born at the Needham Place, but his mother soon died ; and the father married Lydia Crane, and had Adeline, Dec. 19, 1830, who married Lewis Johnson, of Dedham, but died after a comparatively short time, leaving Adeline and Lewis ; Willard, born Sept. 24, 1808 ; Rachael, born a few years after, who married Lewis Johnson, and had by him Lydia, Harriet, Martha, and Rachael Anna : the last died during the last decade, and they are living in Walpole, with the exception of Harriet, who lives in Norwood ; Bradford, born Oct. 9, 1819.

John married for his first wife Lydia Coleman, of Nassau, N. Y., where he has lived since. He had been brought up at his Uncle David's on account of the death of his mother, and went to New York to live when quite a young man. He had by his first wife Ursula, who is married,

and lives in the same State. The mother died ; and her place was filled by a second wife some time after, whose name was Emily Tift, from which marriage there has been no child.

Willard was born in the famous Tafts Tavern, West Roxbury, Sept. 24, 1808 ; but soon his father removed to South Dedham, then to East Walpole ; and Willard here in Walpole passed his boyhood, but in the north part of the town, at Deacon Richard's. He married Harriet Fisher, Sept. 19, 1832, and bought the Thompson place in East Walpole. He commenced about this time manufacturing carpets, which he has kept up till quite lately. The fruits of this first marriage were Olive, born Dec. 9, 1835, married Joel Fales, May 1, 1860 ; Joseph, born Sept. 25, 1838, but died April 19, 1856 ; Harriet M., born April 30, 1834, but died Aug. 22, 1834 ; Harriet M., born Jan. 6, 1841 ; Clara A., born Oct. 18, 1845, married Anson F. Engley, Nov. 29, 1870. Despite medical skill and care of friends, the mother languished, and dropped away on the 28th of July, 1848. In 1851, on the 8th of January, he married Joanna Plimpton, daughter of Deacon Henry Plimpton, and a son Willie stands as a monument of that union. He was born Aug.

4, 1856. There was a little daughter, Annie, born June 7, 1853, but she died Jan. 25, 1854. At the commencement of the late war he commenced manufacturing lint for bandages, but soon gave it up, and turned his attention to the manufacture of batting for carpet linings and comforters; and has erected on the old Lawrence place numerous buildings for his accommodation, having bought the premises, together with the buildings adjoining. Among these are the two oldest school-houses in Walpole, one of which was long ago converted into a dwelling-house, and the other quite recently into a parsonage; and when he first bought his present property he had another in his possession, thus owning all the school-houses in which most of our Walpole ancestry were educated. He has long officiated as deacon of the Congregational Church in Walpole, and was one of the first actors in building the present commodious structure, and has always borne his corner of this Christian structure with a cheerful manliness. Harriet married Francis Fuller, Jan. 25, 1862, but died April 30, 1868.

Bradford Lewis married Hannah A. Gay, of Sharon, Oct. 27, 1841, and built himself a house and barn on a portion of Mr. Uncle John's

old place in the eastern part of Walpole, where he lived many years. Here were born E. Frank, April 1, 1843; Josephine G., born Oct. 3, 1845; James Bradford, May 22, 1851. He sold this property, and removed to the centre of the town, and here for several years engaged in the grocery business. Since then he has carried on his business in other places; and Harry Newhall, born March 16, 1855, and Florence A., born Dec. 27, 1857, have been added to his family. He has lately purchased the old Payson place, to which he will soon remove. He, at present, is carrying on quite successfully a saw-mill, bleachery, and coal-yard.

Josie married Henry A. Billings, of South Walpole, Jan. 10, 1866, and has two children.

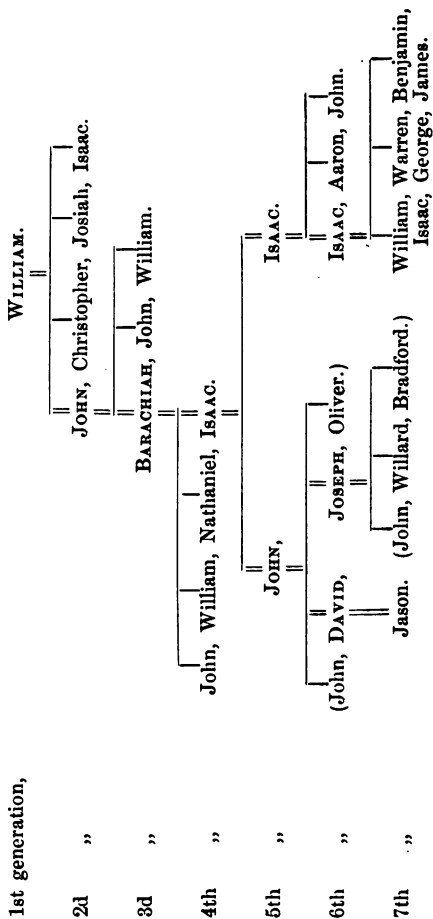
Frank married Marion Boyden, July 23, 1867, and lives in Boston.

Oliver, son of John and Deborah, when quite a young man, embarked on a whaler for a voyage, from which he never returned.

That there may be no misunderstanding in regard to the matter of this work, I will state that I have made use of every available means, and spared neither time nor pains to furnish as reliable a record as can be written; and at the outset I will frankly say, that I have no proof

that our first ancestor, William, came from Wales, other than the fact that that country gave birth to many of our name in his time; that it is well known there, that many Lewises left their homes there for others in America; that he is said by historians to have come from thence. I have examined all else with the greatest care, and feel confident of its correctness when viewed from public records, but can only say that the associates, the connections both in business and church affairs, point to a nativity in Wales. My work really commences at the recorded embarkation at London, 1635. It is said by early genealogists that he came over with Hooker's company, and settled in Cambridge a few years before my date; that he went back to England after his wife, and returning with wife and family settled in Roxbury; but I am convinced that this is nothing more than a genealogical excrescence which broke out, and increased to ripeness from hearty eating of unpardonable mistakes. I will apply the lancet right before your eyes, that you may see that it can be easily removed. There was a William that came over with Goodwin and Hooker in 1632, but in 1636 he followed his pastor into Connecticut to found Hartford, and

was in public office here while our ancestor was quietly living in Roxbury. His descendants are broadly scattered over the land. As to the coat-of-arms on the cover, they are as old as the reign of the Saxon kings, and belong to the Lewis family of Southern Wales. I need not say that it is one of the oldest in existence: its simplicity explains every thing. The lion represents the family enjoying the honor and fruits of victory; and I mention this, for the position of the device on arms has great signification. I do not care to give any theory of the origin of our family, as is the custom among genealogists, although I might weave a flattering, pretty web, that might catch your confidence and heighten your pride. I'll none of this. I simply say that the dark cloud that envelops the private history of the past enshrouds ours. If I seem to pass over my friends without due consideration, let it be attributed to the feeling I cherish, that, in the heart of those who know the dead best, there exists the noblest memorial to their worth.



IN MEMORIAM.

No lofty column raise I here,
Graved and polished with great care
Only a tablet, plain and rude,
Shows the tie of brotherhood.

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